There are also a limited number among them who were appointed after the minimum literary qualifications were prescribed, but who do not possess such qualifications. They were appointed after giving exemption in individual cases. This is done for want of qualified hands.

(*b*) The working hours of the Quran class are the following.

8-30 a.m. to 9-50 a.m.
4 p.m. to 4.40 p.m.

(*c*) Please see answers to sub-division (*b*) above.

(*d*) This is not obligatory for the whole of the secular teaching time in school. They are to attend school also during one of the secular sessions, *i.e.*, 1-30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and work for the absent teacher, if any,

(*e*) Yes. They have to pass the Quran teachers Examination.

KURICHIPADAM CHIRA

744. Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have noted the report about the Kurichipadam chira in the Malabar Mail of 23rd Thulam 1121;

(*b*) whether the Government realise the dire necessity of the said Chira;

(*c*) whether the Government have alloted amount for the work of the Kurichipadam chira Survey No. 637 of the Elankunnapuzha village in pursuance of Order L.Dis. 1541/19, dated 14th Makaram 1119 in which it has been stated "the petitioners are informed that the work will be taken up in 1120".

(*d*) whether the Government have started any work under the above said order;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that out of the 13 owners of the paddy fields called *Myyar*, which is adjacent to the Kurichipadam chira and where the work of the bund has been started, 10 of them have submitted to the government a petition stating that they do not want that chira *there in Myyar*;

(*f*) whether any one in that village has ever requested for a chira to be put up in the said Myyar fields; if so, who are the petitioners and when it was submitted;

(*g*) whether the Government know on what specific order the said work was started in Myyar fields;

(*h*) whether the Government know that the Elankunnapuzha Panchayat members passed the estimate of the work for the Kurichipadam chira, if so, why the Panchayat President diverted the work to a different place and whether the Government have taken any action in the matter, if so, what action;

(*i*) what are the several items of the work shown in the estimate of the said work and the amount allotted for each item of the work in the Estimate?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The chira was not found necessary in Survey No. 637. A bund was found necessary across the canal which has been ordered to be put up.

(*c*) The amount allotted by Government is for improvements to Kurichipadam bund (please see the budget of 1120).

(*d*) The Kurichipadam bnnd work has been started.

(*e*) Yes. Their request was the out care of "Bilious Malice". These petitioners possessed only small extent of paddy fields in *Myyar* Padam and they did not stand to suffer if the bund on the backwater side in *Myyar* field was removed.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Please see answer to (c).

(*h*) The Panchayat passed the estimate of the which are actually proposed and worked out. There was no deviation from the original proposal.

(*i*)	Forming earthern bund	Rs. 477
(2)	Side protection	Rs. 1,931
(3)	Construction of sluice	Rs. 2,443
(4)	Tender excess provision	Rs. 1,149
	Total	Rs. 6,000

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